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Title: SYSTEM FOR DETECTING THE PRESENCE OF HARMFUL MATERIALS IN INCOMING MAIL STREAM

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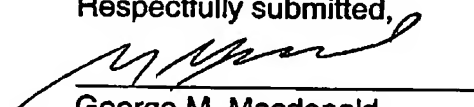
Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of time for a period of one month to respond to the Office Action mailed on April 28, 2003. A Response to the Office Action in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.

The fee for a one month extension of time is \$110.00. Please charge this fee and any additional extension fee required or credit any excess fee paid to Deposit Account Number 16-1885. A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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